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1. DISCUSSIONS IN THE BRENNAN GROUP ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MSR) CONTINUED TO FOCUS UPON SECURITY CONCERNS OF COASTAL STATE. GDR STATED THAT THE ECONOMIC ZONE MUST NOT BE CONVERTED INTO A SECURITY ZONE BUT EXPRESSED A PERSONAL WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT IN ART. 19 EITHER A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ART. 4 (A) OR A GENERAL REFERENCE WHICH WOULD REFER TO CHAPTER ONE OF THE MSR PART OF THE CONVENTION. INDIA STATED THE ESSENCE OF THEIR PROPOSAL WAS THAT THERE BE NO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT FOR COASTAL STATE OBJECTIONS BASED ON CONTRAVENTION OF ART. 4A. PAKISTAN REITERATED ITS SUPPORT FOR A PROPOSAL THAT IN ART. 14 CONSENT BE REQUIRED FOR RESEARCH BEARING UPON SECURITY.

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2. USSR AGAIN SAID THAT INSISTENCE ON CONVERSION OF THE

ECONOMIC ZONE INTO A SECURITY ZONE WOULD MAKE PROGRESS IN THE CONFERENCE ITSELF IMPOSSIBLE. KENYA STATED ITS VIEW THAT THE NATURE OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE HAD NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED AND IT COULD INDEED BE CONSIDERED A SECURITY ZONE.

3. TURNING TO A DISCUSSION OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, PAKISTAN LED OFF STATING THERE SHOULD BE NO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. INDIA STATED THAT WHILE DISPUTE RELATING TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES MUST BE EXEMPTED FROM DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, THE PARTIES THEMSELVES COULD AGREE TO SUBMIT IT TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. NORWAY STATED THE EVENSEN ART. 21 DOES NOT DEAL SUBSTANTIVELY WITH THE QUESTION OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT PART IV WILL EXCEPT DISCRETIONARY ACTS BY THE COASTAL STATE IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE UNLESS THERE IS ABUSE OF POWER. NORWAY FELT THIS ALONE SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO MEET INDIA'S CONCERN.

4. MEXICO REITERATED ITS PROPOSAL ON COMPULSORY CONCILIATION STATING ADDITIONAL DETAILS WERE REQUIRED, BUT EMPHASIZING THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT WAS THE FINAL RIGHT OF THE COASTAL STATE TO PROHIBIT THE RESEARCH. KENYA SUPPORTED THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL SAYING QUOTE IT MAY SOLVE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN THE OTHER ARTICLES UNQUOTE. MSR, IN KENYA'S VIEW, SHOULD BE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. VENEZUELA SUPPORTED MEXICAN PROPOSAL ADDING THAT SCIENTISTS, NOT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, SHOULD SEEK TO RESOLVE SCIENTIFIC DISPUTES.

5. DURING THE AFTERNOON MEETING, BRENNAN ANNOUNCED THIS WAS THE LAST MEETING AND EXPRESSED HIS SUMMARY. A SOLUTION WAS NOT BE FOUND IN SITUATION WHERE NO RESEARCH OR ALL RESEARCH REQUIRED CONSENT. THE MOST LIKELY COMPROMISE WAS A MIXED REGIME WITH COMPLIANCE WITH ART. 15 & 16 IN ALL CASES. THE CONSENT CATEGORY SHOULD INCLUDE-RESOURCE ORIENTED RESEARCH, NOTING THAT ITS DESCRIPTION SHOULD NOT BELIE THE FIRST CONCLUSION AND PARAS (B) (C) & (D) OF ART 14. HE BELIEVED

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THAT A COMPROMISE REQUIRED GUARANTEEING THAT RESEARCH NOT PROCEED IF IT AFFECTED VITAL NATIONAL INTERESTS BUT EXPRESSED NO VIEW AS TO HOW THIS BEST COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. FINALLY, ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, HE MERELY SUMMARIZED THE VIEWS WHICH HAD BEEN EXPRESSED.

6. BRAZIL INITIALLY STATED IT COULD NOT ACCEPT THAT A MIXED REGIME COULD BE THE SOLUTION, ALTHOUGH HE

SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED AS A PERSONAL MATTER THAT NEITHER A
TOTAL CONSENT NOR A NOTIFICATION REGIME WOULD EMERGE
AS THE COMPROMISE. MEXICO IN A STRONG INTERVENTION SAID
THERE SHOULD BE NO REFERENCE TO SECURITY IN THIS TREATY.
HE STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR NEGOTIATION AND NOT DEFENSE
OF EXTREME POSITIONS.

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